

Foreword

With this issue, we here at the Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion celebrate the 60th anniversary of *Family Economics and Nutrition Review*. From its beginning as a monthly newsletter, to its transformation as a research journal, *Family Economics and Nutrition Review* has provided valuable information to the American public. Whether named *Wartime Family Living* (1943), *Rural Family Living* (1945), *Family Economics Review* (1957), or *Family Economics and Nutrition Review* (1995), this USDA publication has always provided information—based on current scientific knowledge—for Americans to make decisions about food, clothing, and shelter, as well as provided information about other aspects of daily living (e.g., energy prices, welfare reform, and population trends for quality of life).

Started during World War II, *Wartime Family Living*, a newsletter, kept Americans abreast of war-related food concerns: distribution, production and manufacturing quotas, and rationing. USDA Cooperative Extension agents, the audience that translated the information in *Wartime Family Living* into forms useful to the American public, found this helpful advice in the December 27, 1943, issue: “Wartime diets for good nutrition, presented in April’s *Wartime Family Living*, has now been printed and is called Family food plans for good nutrition. These plans, a low-cost and a moderate-cost one, have been revised slightly since their earlier release. Both will be helpful in planning diets that will measure up to the yardstick of good nutrition.”

We have produced several special issues: the Special Economic Problems of Low-Income Families (1965), the Economic Role of Women in Family Life (1973), Promoting Family Economic and Nutrition Security (1998), and the Food Guide Pyramid for Young Children (1999). The USDA’s 60th anniversary edition of *Family Economics and Nutrition Review*, a special issue, focuses on our elderly population: By focusing on this growing population, we are not only addressing some important implications of aging in relation to nutrition and well-being, we are also continuing our tradition of linking “scientific research to the nutrition needs of consumers” and thus improving the well-being of American families and consumers.

On the 25th anniversary, *Family Economics Review* was recognized as having helped the USDA reach its goal of providing Americans with a flow of information on problems affecting their welfare: “Today, *Family Economics Review* brings together and interprets economic data affecting consumers from USDA and many Government sources, for use by [Cooperative] Extension workers, college and high school teachers, social welfare workers, and other leaders working with farm and city people.”

On this 60th anniversary, *Family Economics and Nutrition Review* reflects the USDA’s goal to improve the Nation’s nutrition and health through nutrition education and promotion. It is our wish here at the Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion that *Family Economics and Nutrition Review* will continue to serve the needs of the American public.

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